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SUBJECT: PRESS CONFERENCE--OFFICIAL TEXT

REF: A) ANKARA 2604, B) ANKARA 2609

1. REF B TRANSMITTED FULL TEXT OF OFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF
PRIMIN ECEVIT'S PRESS CONFERENCE HELD IMMEDIATELY AFTER
HIS MEETING WITH CONGRESSMAN STEPHEN SOLARZ ON APRIL 4.
FIRST PAGE OF QUESTION AND ANSWER SECTION PROVIDED TO
EMBASSY APPARENTLY INADVERTENTLY NOT INCLUDED BY MFA. MOST
IMPORTANT PARTS OF OMITTED SECTION REPORTED REF A, BUT TEXT
PROVIDED BELOW FOR RECORD.

2. BEGIN TEXT:
QUESTION: COULD YOU GIVE US MORE INFORMATION AS TO THE
OPENING UP OF NEW POSSIBILITIES IN ADDITION TO THE 175 MILLION
DOLLAR AID?
ANSWER: DETAILED INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT CAN ONLY BE GIVEN
WHEN THE TWO COUNTRIES SO DECIDE. THEREFORE, I AM NOT GOING
TO DELVE INTO MUCH DETAIL. BUT, POSSIBILITIES WHICH EXIST
IN THE ABSENCE OF THE EMBARGO OR WHICH SHALL BE OPENED UP
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WHEN IT IS LIFTED ARE KNOWN TO ALL THOSE CONCERNED, AND THEY
ARE IN A POSITION TO CONJECTURE.

QUESTION: DID THE VISITING CONGRESSMAN SOLARZ GIVE ANY
INDICATION AS TO HOW THE US CONGRESS WOULD REACT TO THE NEW
PROPOSALS OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND WHAT THE OUTCOME OF THE
VOTING MIGHT BE?

ANSWER: SURELY I DON'T CONSIDER MYSELF AUTHORIZED TO TALK

ON BEHALF OF CONGRESSMAN SOLARZ. I THINK HE WILL SHORTLY BE MEETING THE TURKISH PRESS HIMSELF. THEREFORE, I WILL CONFINE MYSELF TO EXPRESSING MY GENERAL IMPRESSIONS. ON THE BASIS OF OUR RECENT CONTACTS, WE THINK THERE HAS LATELY BEEN A MORE REALISTIC AND CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH ON THE PART OF THE US CONGRESS VIS-A-VIS TURKISH-US RELATIONS. AS A MATTER OF FACT, CONGRESSMAN SOLARZ HAPPENS TO BE, AS YOU ARE AWARE, A MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND IS ONE OF THOSE MEMBERS WHO SIGNED, IN MID-FEBRUARY AND ALSO IN THE FIRST WEEK OF THIS MARCH, THE LETTERS SENT OUT FROM THIS COMMITTEE TO THE US ADMINISTRATION. THIS IS HOW WE KNOW THAT HE HAS A POSITIVE, CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE ON THIS MATTER.

QUESTION: BEFORE THE TALKS ARE RESUMED, WHAT WILL BECOME OF THE BASES IN TURKEY? WILL THEY BE ALLOWED TO OPERATE ONLY AFTER THESE TALS TAKE PLACE?

ANSWER: AS YOU KNOW THE STATUS OF THESE BASES IS DEFINED IN AN AGREEMENT. THE OLD AGREEMENT IS NO LONGER IN FORCE. A NEW ONE WILL DETERMINE THE STATUS OF THESE BASES. THE NEW AGREEMENT, AS I HAVE MENTIONED IN MY STATEMENT, SHALL BE THE SUBJECT OF RENEWED TALKS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

END TEXT.

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